

Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge

2017 Shotgun-Only Deer Hunt Information

White-tailed deer hunting on Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge will be permitted on Saturday, November 11 and Sunday, November 12, 2017, the first weekend of New Hampshire's firearm season. Each hunter selected for a refuge hunting permit will be assigned to hunt on either Saturday or Sunday. One deer of either sex may be taken unless a hunter has an extra tag for management unit M (in which instance, a total of two deer can be taken). The refuge will operate a State of NH deer registration station for all deer harvested during the refuge hunt. Hunters are restricted to using shotguns with single projectile slugs. The hunter's first deer harvested must be registered before harvesting a second deer (if applicable).

How to Apply

Each hunt applicant must submit a Great Bay Deer Hunt application form. The applicant also has the option of designating a second hunter on the same application if he/she wants to hunt with that second hunter on the same day of the hunt. The same information should be provided for the second hunter.

Application Restrictions:

- If the secondary hunter is under 16 years old, the primary hunter must be at least 18 years old.
- A hunter's name can appear on **ONLY** one application. The same name(s) on multiple applications will cause all applications containing those names to be rejected.

Hunt permit applications will be accepted at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, MA, 01950 from September 1 thru COB on September 30. Applications may also be emailed to parkerriver@fws.gov or faxed to (978) 465-2807.

Selection Process

20 hunters will be selected by lottery for each of the two hunt days (total of 40 hunters). Selected applicants will be notified by October 10, 2017 via email or letter. The hunt permit fee is free for hunters aged 17 years and younger, \$10 for hunters aged 62 and older, and \$20 for hunters aged 18-61. Hunters must purchase their permits by October 31.

Scouting Days

Hunter scouting days will be allowed on Thursday, November 2 thru Sunday, November 5. Hunt selectees must have their permit in their possession at all times while scouting and hunting on Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

State and Refuge Regulations

Great Bay NWR is located entirely within the Town of Newington, NH. Hunters are responsible for knowing and complying with all New Hampshire hunting regulations, as published in the 2017 New Hampshire Hunting Digest. In addition, hunters are responsible for knowing and complying with the [regulations](#) of Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Failure to do so may result in suspension of the hunting permit, future hunting privileges and/or the issuance of a violation notice.

For further information about the Great Bay deer hunt, please contact Parker River NWR headquarters at (978) 465-5753.